

Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Program

An Overview of the Marine Corps SAPR Program

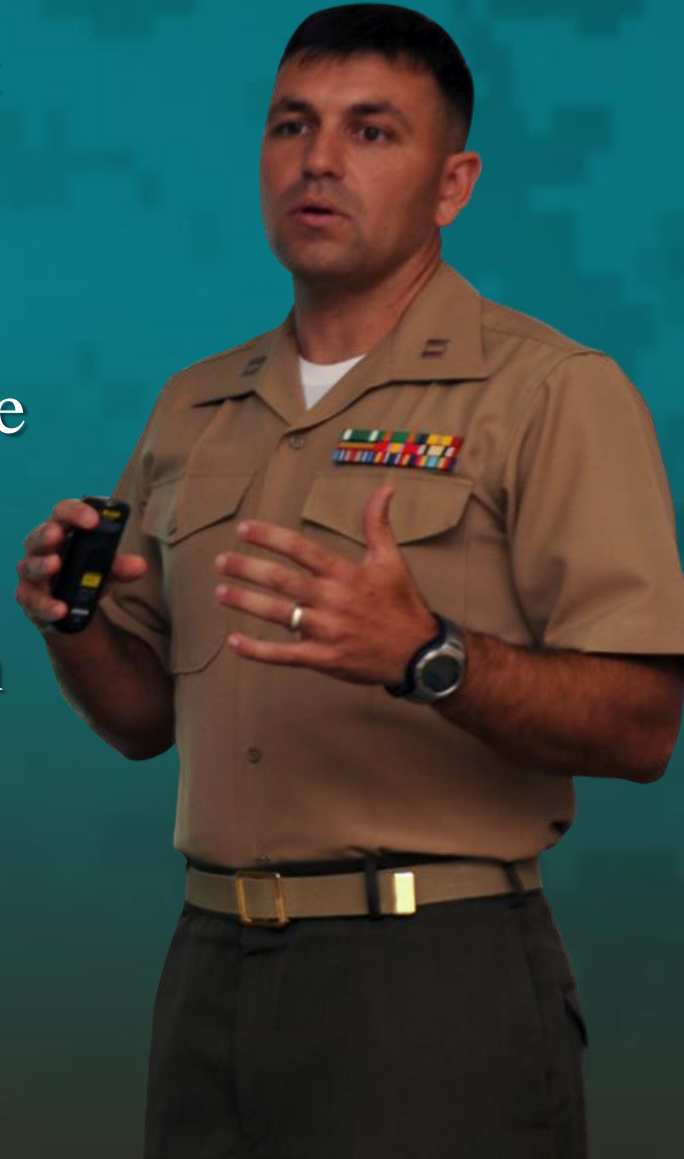
Preventing
Sexual Assault
is Everyone's Duty...



SAPR

Objectives

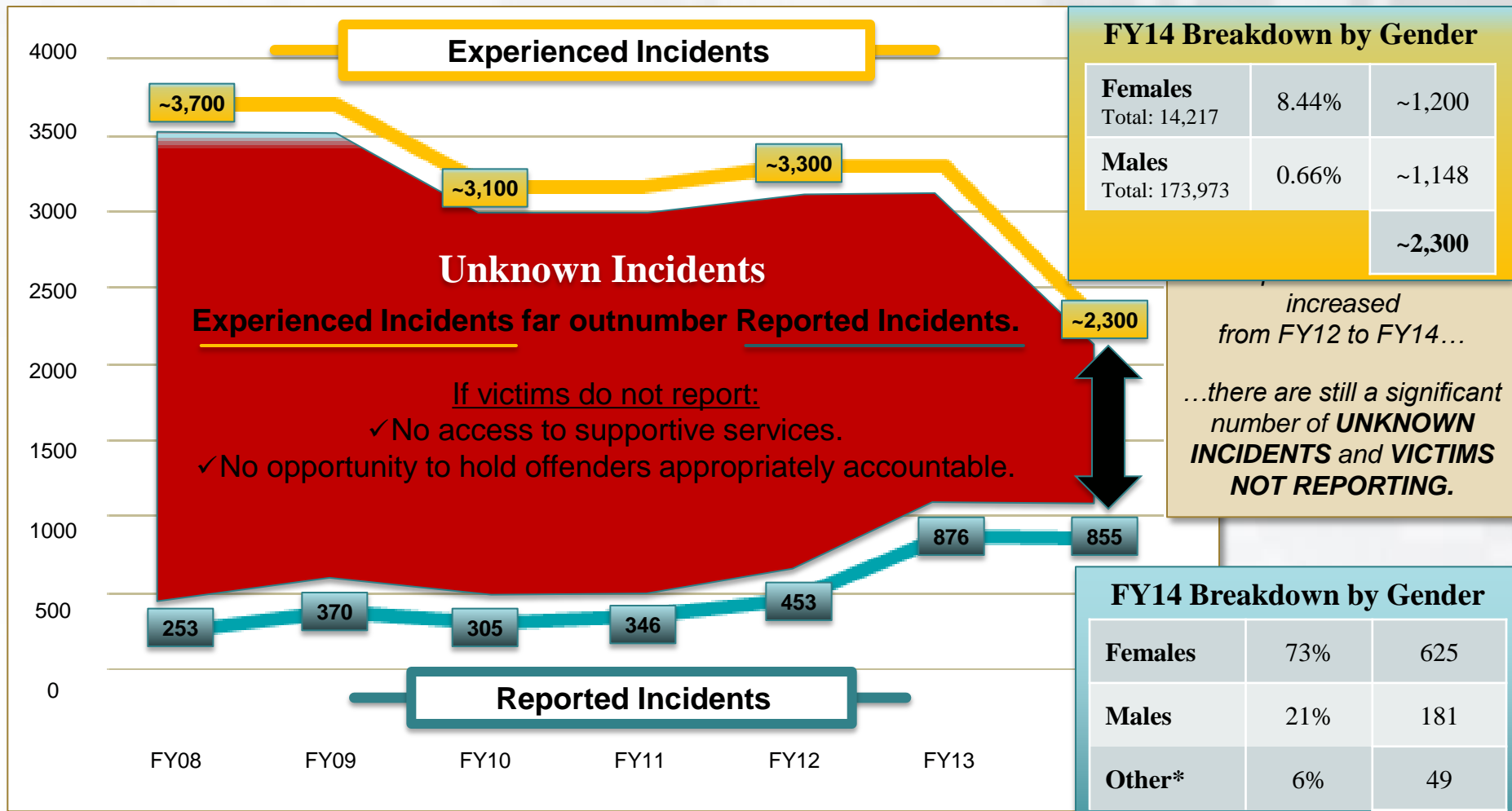
- Provide an overview of sexual assault and its impact on victims
- Provide an overview of the USMC Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program
- Discuss the benefits of partnering with local SAPR Programs



Understanding the Issue

An Overview of Sexual Assault

Sexual Assault in the Marine Corps



Sources:

Experienced Incidents:

RAND Military Workplace Study & Workplace & Gender Relations Survey for Active Duty Members (WGRA), conducted every two years

Reported Incidents:

FY08-FY13: DoD Annual Reports
FY14: Provisional Data (as published 4 Dec 2014, POTUS Report)

Sexual Assault Defined

- Sexual assault is defined as *intentional sexual contact*, characterized by the use of
 - force
 - threats
 - intimidation
 - abuse of authority
 - or when the victim does not or cannot consent

Types of Sexual Assault

- Rape

Sexual intercourse without a person's consent

- Forcible sodomy

Oral or anal sex without a person's consent

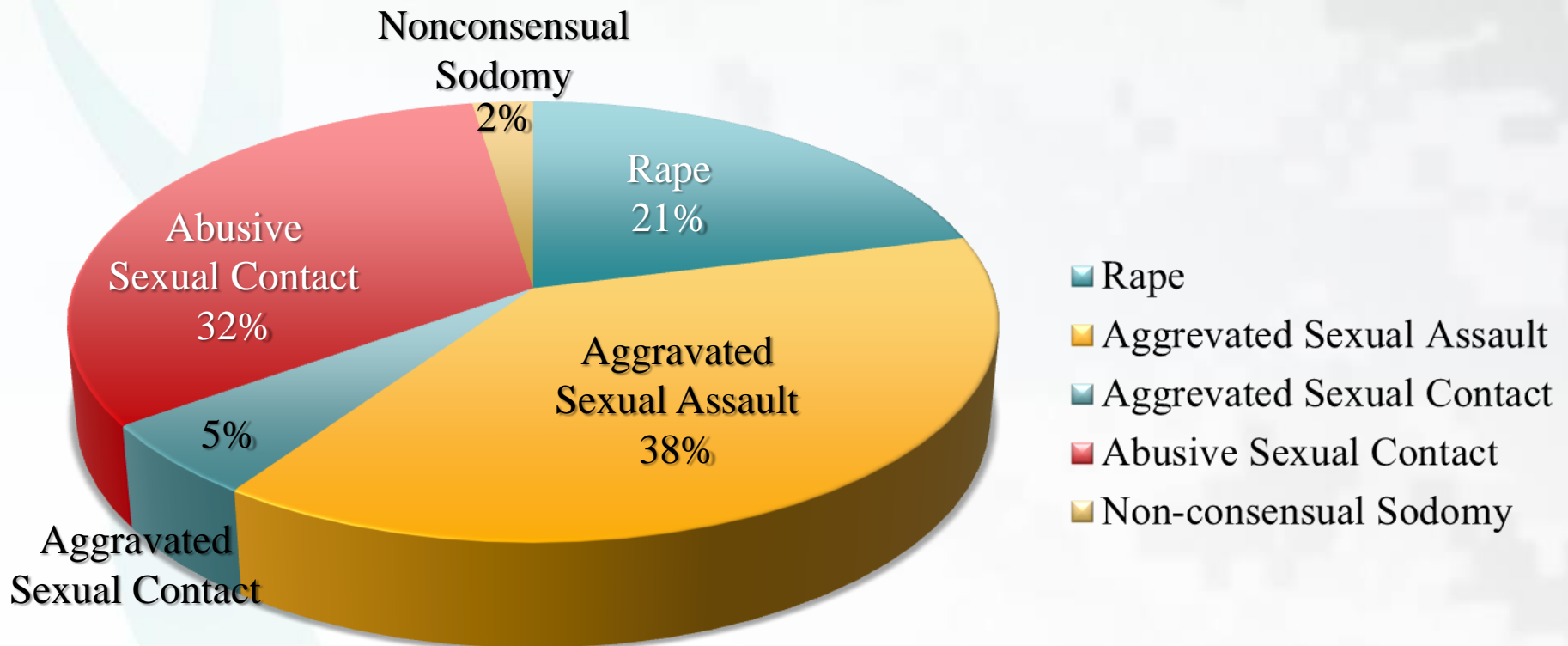
- Unwanted Sexual Contact

Groping, grabbing, fondling, or touching of a sexual nature without consent

- Attempts to commit any of the above acts

Prevalence of Sexual Assault in the USMC

In FY2013, there were **808** reports of sexual assault
501 of those reports were Unrestricted



Prevalence of Sexual Assault in the USMC

Of those reports for which data was available:

Over 50% of victims were age 18-24

Over 85% of victims held the rank of E-1 to E-4

Over 35% of assaults occurred between Friday & Sunday

*Over 58% of all incidents were
Service Member on Service Member*

Impact of Sexual Assault on the Victim

Physical Effects

- Physical trauma
- Skeletal muscle tension
- Eating pattern disturbance
- STIs and/or pregnancy

Emotional Effects

- *Individual reactions vary widely*
- Flashbacks
- Anxiety
- Powerlessness
- Disorganization
- Self-blame
- Depression
- Withdrawal

Victim Reporting Options

Unrestricted Reporting

Initiates an official law enforcement investigation
& the support of the chain of command

Restricted Reporting

Allows the victim to report *confidentially*
& receive help without an investigation or
command involvement

Unrestricted Reporting

For an Unrestricted Report, the victim can contact:

- Uniformed Victim Advocate (UVA)
- Civilian Victim Advocate
- Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC)
- Command
- Law Enforcement

Restricted Reporting

- Supports victims who need more time or simply don't feel comfortable coming forward
- A law enforcement investigation is not initiated
- Victim's Commanding Officer is notified within 24 hours that an incident has occurred, however, *no identifying information will be provided*

Restricted Reporting

- Victim can **only** report to:
 - Uniformed/Civilian Victim Advocate
 - SARC
 - Healthcare Personnel

In California, medical providers are required to report sexual assault

- Option can also be preserved if you speak to a:
 - Chaplain
 - Victim's Legal Counsel

Restricted Reporting

Victims can choose to make a Restricted Report
Unrestricted at any time.

However, once an Unrestricted Report has been made, the Restricted option is no longer available.

A Source of Support

The USMC SAPR Program

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The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program is dedicated to eliminating sexual assault within the Marine Corps and providing continuity of care for victims of sexual assault through effective education, policy, and program support.

The SAPR Program is operational in both the garrison and deployed environments

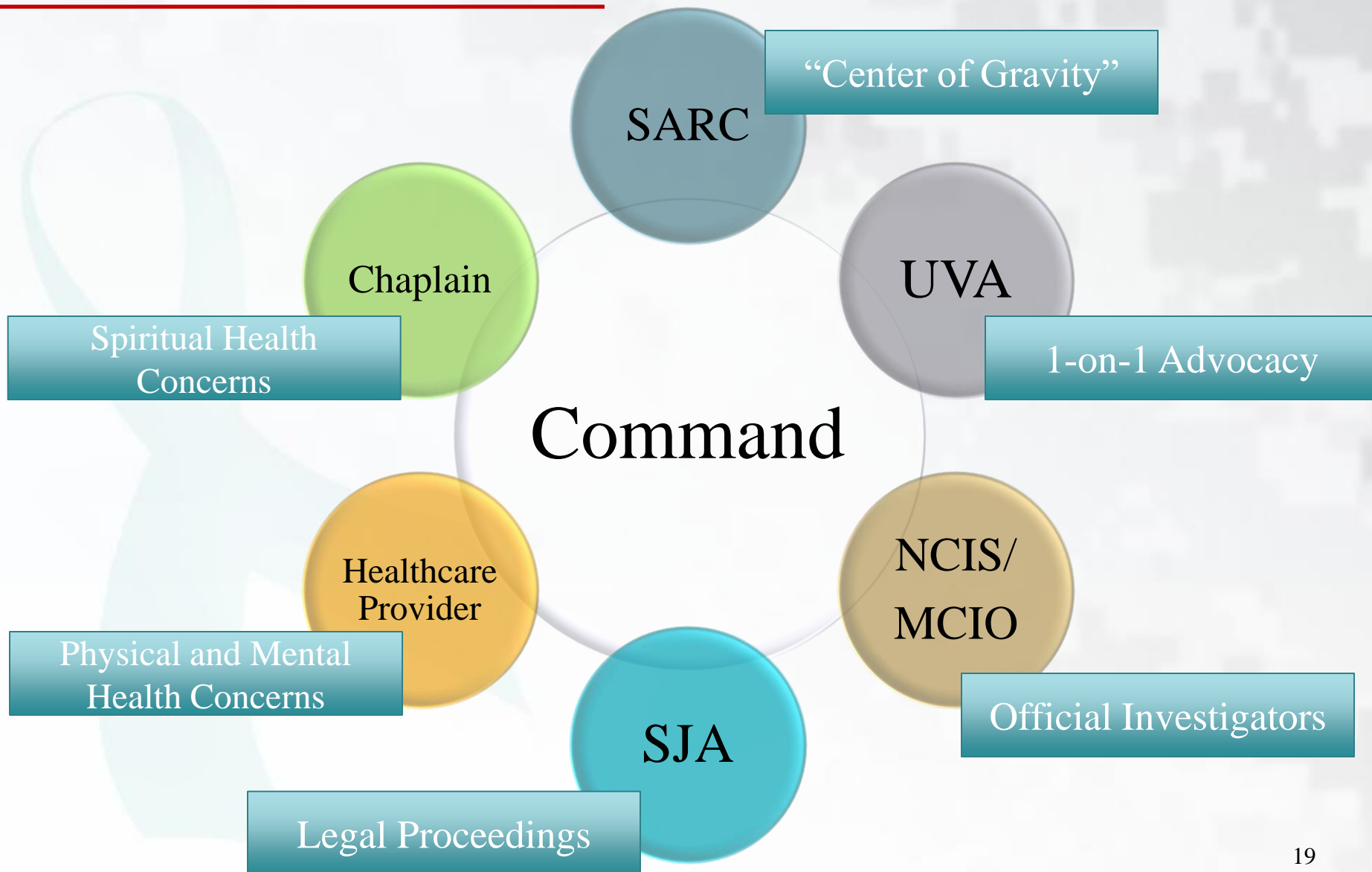
Those Eligible for SAPR Services

- All Active Duty Service Members
- Reservists
 - *While on AD and inactive duty training*
- Adult Dependents
 - *18+ y/o Eligible for treatment in the military healthcare system*
- DoD Civilians and Their Dependents
 - *When stationed or working OCONUS*
- DoD Contractors
 - *When stationed or working OCONUS*

Services Provided by the SAPR Program

- **24/7 sexual assault crisis intervention**
- Advocacy and accompaniment during medical, law enforcement, and judicial procedures
- Systemic advocacy to ensure all victims receive a consistent response to their report
- Support and services at next duty station (if the victim requests) through the SAPR network

Key Roles in the SAPR Program



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A Valuable Partnership

*Working with your local
SAPR Program*

A Valuable Resource to One Another

The Process

SAPR is focused on advocacy and will work toward keeping victims engaged in the process

VWAP can 'fill in the gaps' for the victim by providing vital information during the judicial process



Victim Support

SAPR will provide advocacy & accompaniment for as long as the victim desires

VWAP follows up with the victim, providing critical information, often times long after their relationship with SAPR has ended



Ideal Outcome

Both programs can work together seamlessly to provide maximum support to the victim

Connecting With The SAPR Program

- Both programs can rely on one another for accurate subject matter expertise
- A partnership allows both programs to work more efficiently toward protecting victims' rights
- A positive working relationship makes it easier to identify and resolve concerns for a victim

Raise Awareness Together

- Partner with the Installation or Command SARC on events that bring awareness to victims' rights issues
 - April is Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month (SAAPM)
 - National Crime Victims' Rights Week is
 - April 19-25 2015
- Consider an awareness campaign that continues throughout the year

Conclusion

- Sexual assault is a serious crime impacting the Marine Corps
- Both the VWAP and SAPR Programs play a vital role in victim assistance
- Working together can greatly benefit victims of sexual assault